are excessively using urea and this imbalanced use of urea is affecting the soil which will ultimately effect the production ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking for the imbalanced use of chemical fertilisers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Some shortage of Dia Ammonium Phosphate was experienced in certain packets of Punjab in the 1st fortnight of November, 1993 due to constraints in the availability of Railway rakes to the suppliers for the movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate from the ports and the manufacturing units.

Immediate steps were taken for priority allotment of rakes for movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate to Punjab. Consequently the supply position improved considerably and against the targeted supply of 3.20 lakh tonnes of Dia Ammonium Phosphate till the end of Nov., 93, the availability till the 23rd November, 1993 was 2.80 lakh tonnes. Efforts are being made to maintain Dia Ammonium Phosphate supplies to the State.

(c) and (d) According to the Government of Punjab, the farmers in the State are not making excessive use of Urea in place of Dia Ammonium Phosphate. However, there has been a fall in the consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers at the national level following decontrol. The measures taken to promote balanced use of fertilisers include the following :—

(i) Increase in he procurement prices of foodgrains.

(ii) Special concession on the sale of Single Super Phosphate, Muriate of Potash, Indigenous Dia Ammonium Phosphate and Complex fertilisers.

(iii) Reliefs designed to lower the cost of production and movement of decontrolled fertilisers.

(iv) Extension efforts to promote balanced fertiliser use.

US banon fertilizer plants technology

18. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has banned export of fertilizer plants technology by US companies to India on grounds of nuclear proliferation ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to do without imported fertiliser technologies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) no Sir, however, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that US companies require an export license from their government for export of technology to manufacture ammonia to India.

(c) Energy efficient technologies are available from other sources. While ammonia technologies are not available indigenously, technology for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers like DAP and DAP-based complexes are available indigenously.

Carring of Spare Fuel in IAC Planes

19. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air Bus A-300 flying from Madras to Hyderabad on November 15, 1993 could not land at Hyderabad and while turning back ran short of fuel and force landed on a paddy field, fortunately without any loss of life ;

(b) what is the flying time for Air Bus-300 from Madras to Hyderabad ;

(c) the causes due to which the weather of Hyderabad cleared at Madras suddenly worsened at Hyderabad so as to make the landing impossible;

(d) whether air controllers at Hyderabad had cleared the aircraft for landing; and

(e) whether IAC planes usually carry spare fuel and if so, the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The flying time is around 50 minutes in nil wind conditions.

(c) and (d) The accident is under investigation by a Court of Inquiry.

(e) All Indian registered aircraft including these of Indian Airlines are required to carry adequate fuel in accordance with the requirements laid down in Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), India. This also includes fuel required for various contingencies.

Privatisation of Hotel Industry

20. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to abandon the privatisation move of the public sector hotel industry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of evaluation of properties of the public sector hotels carried out by the foreign banks for the purpose of liquidatin gGovernment equity;

(d) whether Government have ordered a second evaluation by the CPWD;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details of second evaluation carried out by the CPWD; and

(f) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government to privatise the hotel industry?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (f) The Government have not yet taken any decision in regard to the disinvestmest of ITDC properties of otherwise. The Government considered that it would be better to get the ITDC properties re-valued from one of its own agencies also. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of evaluation by the CPWD.

Demand for Review of the Dual Rate of Tarrif in Hotels

21. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leading five star hotels in the country besides the federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India have in a memorandum to Government demanded review of the dual rate tariff structures; and

(b) if so, what is the decision, if any taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Ministry of Tourism have recently asked the hotel industry to fix tariff in rupee terms on their own commerical judgement and that dollar tariff if any to be equivalent to the rupee tariff so fixed. The hotel industry representatives including FHRAI have called for a review of this decision.

(b) The representation made by them is receiving the attention of the Department of Tourism.